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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: SUDAN PAPER PROJECT

1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PARSONS & WHITTEMORE AND SUDAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SDC) ON AUGUST 5 TO DISCUSS MAJOR SUDANESE PAPER PROJECT.

2. OUTSIDE CONSULTANT COMMISSIONED BY SDC HAS JUST COMPLETED REVIEW OF FEASIBILITY STUDY PREPARED BY PARSONS & WHITTEMORE AND AGREED WITH STUDY FINDINGS THAT 200 MILLION DOLLAR PAPER PLANT WOULD BE PROFITABLE INVESTMENT AND WOULD IMPROVE SUDAN'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. PULP WILL BE FROM BAGASSE, AND FOR HIGH QUALITY PAPERS KENAF FIBER WILL BE ADDED.

3. THIS IS LARGEST PROJECT IN WHICH SDC HAS BEEN INVOLVED AND, THEREFORE, THEIR APPROACH HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS AND METHODICAL. BOTH SDC AND PARSONS AND WHITTEMORE PLAN ON HOLDING EQUITY IN PROJECT. EACH PROBABLY WILL PURCHASE 10-15 PERCENT OF EQUITY DEPENDING UPON SIZE OF PROJECT AND MOST ADVANTAGEOUS DEBT/EQUITY RATION. OTHER POTENTIAL EQUITY HOLDERS ARE IFC AND ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK. APPROACHES TO FINANCIAL PARTICIPANTS
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WILL NOT BE OFFICIALLY MADE UNTIL COMPLETE EVALUATION OF PROJECT FEASIBILITY IS COMPLETED.

4. PROCUREMENT DECISIONS WILL DEPEND UPON AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIER CREDITS. IF THEY CAN OBTAIN UNTIED CREDITS OR EXIM FINANCING, MOST OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES PROBABLY WOULD BE OF US ORIGIN. US PROCUREMENT COULD BE AS HIGH AS 50 MILLION

DOLLARS FOR EQUIPMENT AND 15 MILLION DOLLARS FOR SERVICES.
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